

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)
Libby Asbestos Superfund Site
Thursday, July 22, 2011

Session Summary

SESSION OBJECTIVES

1. Updates...
2. Finalize plans for the October 2011 Symposium
3. Affirm the calendar for the remainder of 2011.

CAG MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

JoElyn Brus (CARD; TAG)
Leroy Thom (TAG)

K. W. Maki (Libby Schools)
Eileen Carney (TAG; Citizen)

TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS/OBSERVERS

Mike Cirian (EPA)

COMPLETED AGENDA ITEMS

Updates

What's happened since the June session?

- The CARD Clinic held their fundraiser with the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band with about 2500 people in attendance from all over. It was highly successful and raised solid funds for the Clinic and its programs.
- The School District is on schedule with its remodeling/building move to be completed by August 12.

EPA Update

- The City completed their plans for the Riverfront Park so EPA will be able to do the Park this year. It will take about 6 weeks of work to be completed by fall.
- EPA did qualitative sampling of the chips being discussed – determining presence or not – followed by activity-based sampling. Although the testing show low results related to presence, what those results mean is unknown and EPA continues its examination.
- EPA will be returning to neighborhoods to re-evaluate their cleanup effectiveness and to try to work with those who have not given permission to have their homes cleaned up. Their findings will be merged with the Toxicity Study and where additional work is necessary, EPA will return to those situations. Where useful, CAG members will try to help educate those who have not yet had their homes cleaned up.

Planning Ahead

- CAG members agreed that the chips issue is the kind of issue that the CAG would discuss in their forum period starting after the September Symposium.
- Kirby noted that issues related to fire/fire-wise, etc., are other examples of those kind of discussion issues.
- CAG members reiterated that CAG wants to be credible in the community; wants to promote/facilitate civil discussion of pertinent issues; and wants to build community beyond the crisis.

Finalizing Plans for the October 2011 Symposium

- The Symposium will be held October 13–15, 2011 following the CARD Clinic Research Rally.
- The location will be the Libby Memorial Center – with the reminder that the CAG agreed that they could handle a reasonable fee as stated in the June CAG meeting summary.
- The agenda includes:
 - An October 13 evening reception with the community welcome; breaks and lunch served during the session with the session ending around noon on the 15th.
 - Review of recent epidemiologic research that has been completed and current research grants.
 - Review of recent scientific research completed and current in progress.
 - Identification of questions from the public for the scientific panel
 - Discussion of possible additions to current research projects and new research that should be pursued
 - Facilitated discussion with the public on the earlier identified questions
- Speakers/experts will be in attendance including those from the Research Rally, EPA scientists, additional experts who have responded to the invitations.
- CAG members, shepherded by Leroy, will solicit twenty \$100.00 donations and/or in-kind food, etc., donations from the community – resulting in an operational budget of \$2000.00 plus to provide for breaks and lunch.
- Now that the agenda is set, Kirby will explore opportunities for student and teacher/class involvement and report at the August meeting. He will also investigate how the schools might be involved in recording the Symposium sessions and making them available on CDs for the public.
- Because of his skills in writing, etc., Bill Patten will be asked to develop a general “invitation” written piece that can be used for a general advertisement for the community through media; in the CARD and other newsletters; for special invites on cards to be mailed to a mailing list; and email invites.
- Mike Geisey will be asked to see what/how the college might be involved.
- Mike Curian will talk to EPA about a replacement contact for Libby who is working on the Yellowstone River oil spill – to be able to move ahead on

the printed materials Libby volunteered to do. EPA will also be asked about other support they might be able to provide.

Where do we go from here?

- The CAG will meet on the following dates through 2011:
 - August 11
 - September 15
 - October 13 with the Symposium 13th, 14th, 15th
 - November 10 with the addition of a specific issue discussion portion to each meeting
 - December 8